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RE: Application Serial No.: 10/717,587

Applicants: Paul MOROZ

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For: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR REDUCING
SUBSTRATE CHARGING DAMAGE

Group Art Unit: 1765

Examiner: DUY VU NGUYEN DEO

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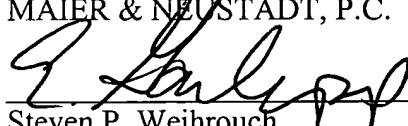
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In response to the election requirement dated November 16, 2005, Applicant provisionally elects with traverse Group I, Claims 1-56, 58-83) drawn to a method, for further examination on the merits. Applicant reserves the right to file one or more divisional applications directed to the non-elected invention.

Furthermore, while the Election Requirement asserts that the application contains claims to patentably distinct inventions, MPEP § 803 states the following:

If the search and examination of an entire application can be made without serious burden, the Examiner must examine it on the merits, even though it includes claims to distinct or independent inventions.

Although the outstanding Official Action identifies different search classifications, it is believed that the claims of the present application would have to be searched in a handful of sub-classes. Furthermore, since electronic searching is commonly performed, a search may be made of a large number of, or theoretically all, subclasses without substantial additional

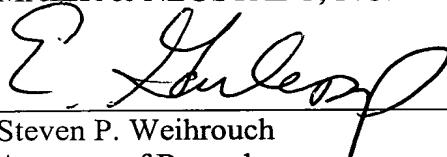
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effort. Accordingly, Applicant respectfully traverses the Restriction Requirement on the grounds that a search and examination of the entire application would not place a *serious* burden on the Examiner, whereas it would be a serious burden on Applicant to prosecute and maintain separate applications.

Therefore, it is respectfully requested that the requirement to elect a single group be withdrawn, and that a full examination on the merits of Claims 1-86 be conducted.

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